

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A product storing and dispensing system, comprising
 - a. a cabinet having a plurality of product compartments,
 - b. a temperature controller for regulating temperature in said cabinet,
 - c. a sensor for each product compartment for sensing the presence of a product in said product compartment,
 - d. a processor, connected to each sensor, for accepting sensor signals,
 - e. ~~[[an]]~~ a separate aging indicator associated with each product compartment and being connected to said processor, each aging indicator having multiple product condition signals, and
 - f. means in said processor for selectively activating the multiple product condition signals of each aging indicator.
2. (Currently Amended) The product ~~warming~~ storing and dispensing system according to claim 1, in which said sensor comprises an optical detector.
3. (Currently Amended) The product ~~warming~~ storing and dispensing system according to claim 1, in which said sensor comprises an infrared detector.
4. (Currently Amended) The product ~~warming~~ storing and dispensing system according to claim 1, in which said aging indicator comprises at least three displays, each display having a different one of said multiple product condition signals.
5. (Currently Amended) The product ~~warming~~ storing and dispensing system according to claim 4, in which said three displays comprise visual indicators.

6. (Currently Amended) The product ~~warming~~ storing and dispensing system according to claim 4, in which said three displays comprise a first display indicating a product is not ready for dispensing, a second display indicating that a product is ready for dispensing and a third display indicating that a product should be selected first for dispensing.
7. (Currently Amended) The product ~~warming~~ storing and dispensing system according to claim 1, including a heat source for said cabinet.
8. (Currently Amended) The product ~~warming~~ storing and dispensing system according to claim 7, in which said heat source comprises a heater controlled by said processor.
9. (Currently Amended) The product ~~warming~~ storing and dispensing system according to claim 1, in which said cabinet includes multiple columns of said product compartments.
10. (Currently Amended) The product ~~warming~~ storing and dispensing system according to claim 1, in which said temperature controller comprises the thermocouple.
11. A product storing and dispensing system, comprising
 - a. a heated cabinet having a plurality of product compartments,
 - b. a temperature controller for regulating temperature in said cabinet,
 - c. a sensor for each product compartment for sensing the presence of a product in said product compartment,
 - d. a processor, connected to each sensor, for accepting sensor signals,
 - e. [[an]] a separate aging indicator associated with each product compartment and being connected to said processor, each aging indicator having three displays, each display comprising a product condition signal, and
 - f. means in said processor for selectively activating said displays.

12. (Currently Amended) The product ~~warming~~ storing and dispensing system according to claim 11, in which said sensor comprises an optical detector.

13. (Currently Amended) The product ~~warming~~ storing and dispensing system according to claim 11, in which said sensor comprises an infrared detector.

14. (Currently Amended) The product ~~warming~~ storing and dispensing system according to claim 11, in which said three displays comprise visual indicators.

15. (Currently Amended) The product ~~warming~~ storing and dispensing system according to claim 11, in which said three displays comprise a first display indicating a product is not ready for dispensing, a second display indicating that a product is ready for dispensing and a third display indicating that a product should be selected first for dispensing.

16. (Currently Amended) The product ~~warming~~ storing and dispensing system according to claim 11, including a heat source for said cabinet.

17. (Currently Amended) The product ~~warming~~ storing and dispensing system according to claim 16, in which said heat source comprises a heater controlled by said processor.

18. (Currently Amended) The product ~~warming~~ storing and dispensing system according to claim 11, in which said cabinet includes multiple columns of said product compartments.